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### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station has a highly specialized Off-Road Enforcement Team that enforces the illegal off-highway vehicle activity in the Santa Clarita Valley Station area. The team currently consists of two sergeants and ten deputies. Each team member has completed the extensive 80 hour Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in Off-Road enforcement, and must re-certify quarterly.

The Off-Road Enforcement program is funded with grants from the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the City of Santa Clarita. The OHV enforcement operations are conducted on a random basis, typically on the weekends and occasionally in the afternoon hours during the week.

The focus of the program is to educate the OHV enthusiasts and the public on legal riding areas and laws related to OHV activity.

The laws that are enforced by the Off-Road Enforcement Team are the California Penal Code, California Vehicle Code, California Health and Safety Codes, California Food and Agriculture Code, California Public Resource Code, California Streets and Highway Code, California code of Regulations, and the Los Angeles County Code.

In addition, joint operations are conducted with the United States Department of Forestry inside the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest to prevent illegal OHV activity and resource damage.

Annually, the Off-Road team contacts thousands of OHV enthusiasts while on patrol in the over 133,000 acres of rural lands within our jurisdiction. This has resulted in the issuance of approximately 1,300 warnings for various violations and 193 citations for illegal OHV activity and equipment/registration violations.

Due to high fire danger and numerous closures, the only legal riding areas for OHV enthusiasts in the Santa Clarita Valley area are Hungry Valley OHV Park and Alamo Mountain in Gorman. Currently, Drinkwater Flats in San Francisquito Canyon, and Rowher Flats OHV Park remain closed for restoration due to the recent wildfires.

Due to the large number of registered OHV's in the Santa Clarita Valley, and the fact that two of our local riding areas (Drinkwater Flats and Rowher Flats) are closed due to the recent wildfires, we have a constant problem with the "garage riders" trespassing on private lands. Weekly enforcement is a necessity to combat this ongoing problem.

### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The area patrolled by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station is unique, with sprawling rolling hills combined with extensive new construction. This allows OHV's easy access to excellent riding areas without having to travel to dedicated OHV riding areas. Unfortunately, these areas are usually restricted due to being designated as a high fire danger zone or land that is privately owned or closed public lands. Therefore, the vehicle trespassing on private and public land remain a constant problem and source of hundreds of citizen complaints.

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station is responsible for 655 square miles of land. Also included under this grant request is funding to continue patrolling the approximately 600 square miles of mountainous area that Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is responsible for patrolling. The Off-Road Enforcement Team responds to "calls for service" for those entire areas, and patrols all the fire roads, trails, and public and private land within those areas.

Currently, due to the temporary closures, the only dedicated OHV area within our areas of responsibility is the Hungry Valley OHV Park. There is approximately 120 miles of fire roads/trails that are also open to OHV activity. Due to the fact that there is a very large number of registered OHV's in the Santa Clarita Valley, and very little open riding areas, OHV trespassing on private land remains a constant problem. The OHV Enforcement Team also patrols these areas and routinely responds to "Search and Rescue" and "lost" OHV enthusiasts in the entire mountainous area.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Off-Road Enforcement Team will provide OHV enforcement patrols on weekends and holidays year round. This region is seldom impacted by inclement weather, therefore OHV patrols are needed year round. Enforcement operations will typically be conducted four times a month during daylight hours, however, the hours and days of the week will vary slightly so as not to develop predictable patterns. In addition to the dedicated OHV patrol operations, our regular deputies will continue to enforce OHV violations when they are able to safely make contact.

**ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station presently has two sergeants, and ten deputies assigned to the OHV Enforcement Team. Those personnel have eight dual purpose motorcycles, a 4X4 Ford Expedition, and helicopter support that is available to respond to the OHV enforcement team's requests.

On a typical eight hour OHV enforcement shift, one sergeant and two deputies on dual purpose motorcycles, and one deputy driving a 4X4 vehicle. On each operation the motorcycles will traverse approximately 80 miles of fire roads, trails, and other areas frequented by off-road enthusiasts.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

There are numerous high priority areas within our project which include Rowher Flats OHV area and Drinkwater Flats OHV area. Both areas were recently ravaged by wildfire and contain sensitive cultural resources which must be protected until the areas are revegetated. Additionally within our project area, there are large areas that were damaged by wildfire and there has been numerous incidents where OHV's have trespassed into these burn/closed areas and have caused significant damage to the landscape. Also within our project area is the large San Francisquito Wash, which is home to the endangered Stickleback fish. There has been numerous incidents of OHV trespassing in these sensitive areas. Lastly, because of the explosion in population within the Santa Clarita Valley and the large number of registered OHV's, there has been hundreds of complaints about OHV enthusiasts riding their OHV's from their residence, (garage riders) into the surrounding foothills and trespassing onto privately owned lands.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The requested funds for the Project relate to, and will sustain OHV recreation by providing funds for enforcement of illegal OHV activity. There are the Rowher Flats and Drinkwater Flats OHV recreation areas that have known archeological sites within them, that if not protected from illegal OHV activity, may be closed for use completely. The continued enforcement will provide safe access for all motorized and non-motorized recreation enthusiasts.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station has a formal cooperative agreement with United States Forest Service (USFS) personnel and conduct numerous dedicated joint off-road enforcement operations each year. We routinely meet with USFS/Angeles Forest LEO Captain Mike Mercado and Officer Ray Kidd to discuss any ongoing issues or problems that arise in the National Forest and surrounding areas.

These joint deployments continue to maximize enforcement within the National Forest areas, and enable the USFS Officers to become familiar with the illegal OHV activity occurring outside the National Forest areas.

The Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station also has a formal agreement with the Crescenta Valley Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. We have continued with these formal agreements over the past 5 years with great success in reducing the number of violations that occur in these areas.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department / Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station does not, and has never recovered any costs from a privately sponsored OHV event.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The LA County Sheriff's OHV Enforcement Training Program consists of a POST approved 80 hour course, which includes motorcycle skill development along with training regarding OHV related laws. The motorcycle skill development course includes, but are not limited to, lectures, demonstrations and practices on "Motorcycle Lift and Back Up Exercise", "Off Road Slow Cone Patterns", "40 Miles Per Hour Decel", "30 Miles Per Hour Cone Weave", "Off Road Riding Techniques on Mountains & Canyons", "Pull Over & Approach" and "Officer Safety". Additionally, personnel are trained in the recognition/familiarization and identification of culturally sensitive areas. All personnel have been trained and hold the rank of "Tread Lightly" Instructors. Therefore they are all qualified to teach citizens on the "Tread Lightly" principles.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
- There is constant communication with the USFS/Angeles District and the Sheriff's Department regarding illegal OHV activity and legal opportunities within National Forest land. Often, we conduct joint operations with USFS Law Enforcement Officers and OHV personnel. In fact we share radio frequency's, which allows constant communication between the two agencies to deal with OHV related issues.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
- This is the last year of a 5 year agreement between LA County Sheriff's and LA County Parks and Recreation Departments. This agreement stipulates that Parks and Recreation Department will provide \$70,000.00 of in-lieu funds to the Sheriff's Department (\$35K to Palmdale Station and \$35K to Santa Clarita Station) for dedicated OHV Enforcement in the respective areas. This funding has been critical to maintain the level of OHV enforcement that is needed to combat the vast illegal OHV activity. These funds supplement OHV enforcement operations that are funded by State Parks funds.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- Not Applicable.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement - Santa Clarita	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station has a highly specialized Off-Road Enforcement Team that enforces the illegal off-highway vehicle activity in the Santa Clarita Valley Station area. The team currently consists of two sergeants and ten deputies. Each team member has completed the extensive 80 hour Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in Off-Road enforcement, and must re-certify quarterly.</p> <p>The Off-Road Enforcement program is funded with grants from the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the City of Santa Clarita. The OHV enforcement operations are conducted on a random basis, typically on the weekends and occasionally in the afternoon hours during the week.</p> <p>The focus of the program is to educate the OHV enthusiasts and the public on legal riding areas and laws related to OHV activity.</p> <p>The laws that are enforced by the Off-Road Enforcement Team are the California Penal Code, California Vehicle Code, California Health and Safety Codes, California Food and Agriculture Code, California Public Resource Code, California Streets and Highway Code, California code of Regulations, and the Los Angeles County Code.</p> <p>In addition, joint operations are conducted with the United States Department of Forestry inside the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest to prevent illegal OHV activity and resource damage.</p> <p>Annually, the Off-Road team contacts thousands of OHV enthusiasts while on patrol in the over 133,000 acres of rural lands within our jurisdiction. This has resulted in the issuance of approximately 1,300 warnings for various violations and 193 citations for illegal OHV activity and equipment/registration violations.</p> <p>Due to high fire danger and numerous closures, the only legal riding areas for OHV enthusiasts in the Santa Clarita Valley area are Hungry Valley OHV Park and Alamo Mountain in Gorman. Currently, Drinkwater Flats in San Francisquito Canyon, and Rowher Flats OHV Park remain closed for restoration due to the recent wildfires.</p> <p>Due to the large number of registered OHV's in the Santa Clarita Valley, and the fact that two of our local riding areas (Drinkwater Flats and Rowher Flats) are closed due to the recent wildfires, we have a constant problem with the "garage riders" trespassing on private lands. Weekly enforcement is a necessity to combat this ongoing problem.</p>		

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<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	Staff						

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	Sergeant Notes : This line denotes 440 hours of Sergeant's overtime pay at \$95.15 per hour.  This grant request will pay for 360 hours of overtime and the remaining will be paid out of LA County in-lieu funds.	440.000	95.150	HRS	34,254.00	7,612.00	41,866.00
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : This line denotes 1,340 hours of Deputy Sheriff (LEO) pay at \$84.12 per hour.  This grant request will pay for 1,080 Deputy hours for dedicated OHV enforcement operations. The remaining funds will be paid from LA County in-lieu funds.	1340.000	84.120	HRS	90,850.00	21,871.00	112,721.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				125,104.00	29,483.00	154,587.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Funds granted under "Safety Equipment" will be used for offroad safety equipment including, but not limited to, helmets, goggles, gloves, and boots.	10.000	300.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Emergency Medical Supplies Notes : Funds granted under "Emergency Medical Supplies" will be used for a first aid/ EMT kit including bandages, band-aids, ACE bandages, splints, ice packs, oxygen, etc. This EMT/First-Aid kit will be kept in the 4X4 vehicle that goes out on each deployment. Two members of the OHV Enforcement Team hold an EMT rating and the other members are First Responders.	1.000	1000.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Other-OHV Related Equipment Notes : Funds granted under "OHV Related Equipment" will be	10.000	500.000	EA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00

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	used to purchase misc. equipment required for OHV Enforcement and may include siren drivers, helmet communication systems, gear bags, portable navigation units, etc.						
	Other-Computer Air Card Notes : The air card is for internet access. In public open areas where there is no internet connection, this air card is used with the laptop to provide internet access. The cost is for 12 months usage at approx. \$100.00 per month. During enforcement deployments, the aircard will have numerous applications which include, but not limited to: 1. While giving presentations to groups interested in OHV activity and utilizing a laptop/powepoint presentation, we will be able to give a live demonstration of how to access the State OHMVR website for current information and statistics, along with accessing our Station and Departmental websites to register complaints and comments regarding illegal and legal OHV activity. 2. While attending offsite training and OHMVR related meetings, we will be able to access our Station/Department websites and demonstrate our website educational programs to OHMVR Staff, Commissioners, OHV interest groups for advice and recommendateions on how to improve public access and comments.	12.000	100.000	MOS	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				10,200.00	0.00	10,200.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Vehicle Mileage Notes : This 15,000 mile estimate includes all Dual-Purpose motorcycles and the 4x4 vehicle.	1.000	15000.000	MI	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Laptop Computers	1.000	2000.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00

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	Notes : The laptop computer will be used on the field during deployments. It will be used to look up violation sections, educate the public, and communicate with the Sheriff's network via e-mail while out in the field. It will also be used to record all deployments, time keeping, funds availability, vehicle maintenance records, etc.						
	Other-AED Unit Notes : An AED unit is an Automatic External Defibrillator and is a lifesaving device used for person(s) having a heart attack. The AED will be kept in the 4x4 vehicle that goes out on each deployment.	1.000	3000.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Other-Digital Projector Notes : Besides being used for our weekly OHV Enforcement briefings, this projector will also be used in the safety trainings that are conducted at least twice a year. One of the trainings is the "Safety Expo", which is sponsored by City of Santa Clarita and gets several thousand visitors. The other is at the Mall where the mall visitors are informed about the program, etc.	1.000	1000.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Purchases</b>				6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Other-Admin/Sgt. Notes : This line item is a County Match and includes 240 hours administrative work of a Sgt. at \$85.01 per hour.	240.000	85.010	HRS	0.00	20,402.00	20,402.00
	Other-Training/Sgts. (2) Notes : This line item is a County Match and includes the mandated quarterly eight hour training days for two Sgts. at \$1360.00 per day. Due to the rugged terrain and high risk of injury to personnel while riding offroad motorcycles, the Department Policy mandates that each Offroad Enforcement Team member must complete an 80	4.000	1360.000	DAY	0.00	5,440.00	5,440.00

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<p>hour POST approved Dual-Purpose motorcycle training course prior to any deployments on motorcycles. Additionally, all Offroad Enforcement personnel must pass an 8 hour quarterly motorcycle skills test. Our Department feels that this has proven to be an invaluable training program, evidenced by the fact that over the last eight years, we have had tens of thousands of hours of deployment time on motorcycles without any significant injuries or lost work time.</p> <p>To prevent any on-duty injuries, any Offroad personnel who fails to pass the quarterly motorcycle skills test (and remedial test), has his/her motorcycle certification suspended and is no longer able to deploy on a motorcycle.</p>						
<p>Other-Training/Deputies (10)</p> <p>Notes : This line item is a County Match and includes mandated quarterly eight hour training days for 10 Deputies at \$6045.00 per day.</p> <p>Due to the rugged terrain and high risk of injury to personnel while riding offroad motorcycles, the Department Policy mandates that each Offroad Enforcement Team member must complete an 80 hour POST approved Dual-Purpose motorcycle training course prior to any deployments on motorcycles. Additionally, all Offroad Enforcement personnel must pass an 8 hour quarterly motorcycle skills test. Our Department feels that this has proven to be an invaluable training program, evidenced by the fact that over the last eight years, we have had tens of thousands of hours of deployment time on motorcycles without any significant injuries or lost work time.</p> <p>To prevent any on-duty injuries, any Offroad personnel who fails to pass the quarterly motorcycle skills test (and remedial test), has his/her motorcycle certification suspended and is no longer able to deploy on a motorcycle.</p>	4.000	6045.000	DAY	0.00	24,180.00	24,180.00

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	Other-Admin Deputy Notes : This line item is a County Match and includes 96 hours of an Admin. Deputy at \$75.57 per hour. This includes administrative/bookkeeping and grant preparation.	96.000	75.570	HRS	0.00	7,254.72	7,254.72
	<b>Total for Others</b>				0.00	57,276.72	57,276.72
<b>7</b>	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Grant Management Notes : This line item is the Admin. Costs of managing the Grant.	1.000	14340.000	EA	14,340.00	0.00	14,340.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					155,644.00	101,759.72	257,403.72
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					155,644.00	101,759.72	257,403.72
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>155,644.00</b>	<b>101,759.72</b>	<b>257,403.72</b>

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<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	125,104.00	29,483.00	154,587.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	10,200.00	0.00	10,200.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	57,276.72	57,276.72	
7	Administrative Costs	14,340.00	0.00	14,340.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		155,644.00	101,759.72	257,403.72	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		155,644.00	101,759.72	257,403.72	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>155,644.00</b>	<b>101,759.72</b>	<b>257,403.72</b>	

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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**